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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8347

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 2564

E.O. 11562: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, RH

SUBJ: RHODESIA: SA JOURNALIST SAYS RIGIDITY OF SMITH GOVERNMENT

HAS GRAVE PORTENTS FOR WHITES

1. ON JULY 24 ARGUS GROUP NEWSPAPERS' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT KEN OWEN TALKED TO EMBOFFS ABOUT RECENT VISIT HE MADE TO RHODESIA. AMONG OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL RHODESIANS HE TALKED TO WAS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS O'DONNELL. OWENS DEEPLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT POSSIBLE COURSE OF EVENTS THERE. IN GENERAL HE FOUND RHODESIANS IN SALISBURY OBLIVIOUS TO SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEMS RHODESIA IS FACING. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY SEEMED UNAWARE OF DESPONDENCY AND FRIGHT OF WHITE FARMERS IN NORTHERN AREAS WHERE GUERRILLAS OPERATING.

2. HE HEARD NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT SMITH GOVERNMENT WILLING TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS AT ALL TO ANC. TO CONTRARY, HE SAID  
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GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE WAS ONE OF "HANGING TOUGH" DESPITE

FADING POSSIBILITY OF REACHING SETTLEMENT WITH UK AND  
NOTWITHSTANDING WHAT HE REGARDS AS INELUCTABLE DETERIORATION  
OF SECURITY SITUATION.  
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